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Re: Support for House Bill 2486

Dear Mr. Chairman,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before your committee in support of House Bill 2486.

This bill prohibits voting machines from being connected to the internet, sets standards for the use of electronic pollbooks, and sets a deadline for logic and accuracy testing to be conducted after a county canvass vote.

First, this bill adds prohibitions on voting machines capable of being connected to the internet by prohibiting the purchase of machines with this capability. This is a codification of a practice already set as a standard by the Secretary of State, but not currently in statute. The language of this bill expands on than of HB2334, sponsored by Representative Toplikar last year, as it also prohibits Bluetooth networking. The bill bars the purchase or use of these machines and requires that election judges certify these machines are not in use.

This bill also authorizes and sets standards for the use of electronic pollbooks. These pollbooks are already in use, but no standards or restrictions currently exist in statute. This bill gives the Secretary of State the authority to certify electronic pollbooks. This certification will ensure that voter data is protected and add a layer of security for counties using these pollbooks. But it will also lead to more consistency between vendors of these pollbooks.

Finally, this bill will require logic and accuracy testing on voting machines be conducted within five days after a county canvass vote. Counties are already required to do a post-election test; this bill simply adds a deadline. Setting this deadline ensures testing is completed prior to the deadline to file an election contest.

Thank you for your time and attention. I look forward to answering your questions.

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